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The Permanent Representative of the Mongolian People's Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith the Statement of the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic on the situation in the Persian Gulf of 17 January 1991 and requests that the Statement be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Statement by the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic

From the very start, the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic resolutely condemned Iraq's armed aggression against and violent annexation of neighbouring Kuwait on 2 August 1990 as an act that goes contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and basic principles of international law and inter-State relations.

All efforts made by States to attain complete withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and restoration of its independence and sovereignty by political means, as well as the sanctions imposed in accordance with the United Nations resolutions had failed to achieve any results. Thus, owing to the position of Iraq's present leadership the deadline for peaceful settlement of the conflict set forth by Security Council resolution 678 (1990) had expired. In this condition, the multinational forces, under the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution of the Security Council, started today actions to free Kuwait.

The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic expresses its deep regret that the development of events has led up to an armed conflict, a serious exacerbation of the international situation, the imminent peril of human casualties and enormous material loss. The Mongolian People's Republic, while reaffirming its commitment to peaceful resolution of all disputes, once again voices its support to the United Nations resolutions regarding the settlement of the Persian Gulf crisis.

The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic expresses its hope that military actions aimed at reinstating the independence and sovereignty of Kuwait will not be further escalated, and peace and tranquillity be promptly restored in the Persian Gulf.

Ulaanbaatar, 17 January 1991